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INTRA-AGENCY SECURITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of

Second Meeting
Room 4 E 64, CIA Headquarters Building
25X1 Wednesday, 11 August 1971, 1400 Hours

[redacted]
Acting Chairman
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:	REPRESENTING:
25X1 [redacted]	Office of General Counsel
	National Intelligence Programs Evaluation
	Deputy Director for Intelligence
	Deputy Director for Science & Technology
	Deputy Director for Plans
	Deputy Director for Support
	Secretary

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25X1 The Intra-agency Security Committee was convened by the Acting Chairman, [redacted] at 1400 hours on 11 August 1971 in the 25X1 Office of Security conference room, 4 E 64.

[redacted] advised that he wished to furnish the Committee with a rundown on some of the recent activities involving the proposed changes in Executive Order 10501 and to get a consensus on several proposed changes which would raise the protection of intelligence sources and methods to Executive Order level.

As background information, he read, in part, from President Nixon's memorandum to multiple addressees of the intelligence community dated 21 December 1970 wherein the President wrote that he was becoming increasingly concerned about the disclosure in public media of classified information bearing upon important aspects of national security, particularly that which tends to jeopardize intelligence sources and methods. Such disclosures, the President pointed out, present a serious threat to the national interest and that he was determined to bring to an end the practice of releasing such information without proper authorization.

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The President directed that a review be made of security classification and declassification procedures as set forth in Executive Order 10501 as well as dissemination procedures. The Attorney General appointed Mr. William Rehnquist, Department of Justice, to chair a Security Review Committee to do the job and come up with appropriate changes. The Acting Chairman said that the review presented an opportunity to raise the protection of intelligence sources and methods to Executive Order level and the Security Review Committee has come up with proposals which incorporate the wording of DCID No. 1/7 with one exception which relates to Warning Notices.

The Acting Chairman distributed copies of the Security Review Committee's proposals for inclusion in the revision of EO 10501. The proposals were:

(1) Under Section 5 "Marking of Classified Material," subparagraph (j)(4), the Intra-agency Security Committee members unanimously incorporated the following change:

"For classified material containing sensitive intelligence information, the following warning

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notice shall be used, in addition to and in conjunction with those prescribed in (1), (2), or (3), above, as appropriate."

changed to--

"For classified material involving sensitive intelligence sources and methods, the following warning notice shall be used, in addition to and in conjunction with those prescribed in (1), (2), or (3), above, as appropriate."

(2) Also under Section 5(j)(4):

"Warning Notice - Sensitive Sources and Methods Involved"

changed to--

"Warning Notice - Sensitive Intelligence Sources and Methods Involved"

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(3) Section 12. "Restricted Data," Material Formerly Designated as "Restricted Data," Communications Intelligence and Cryptography"

changed to--

Section 12. "Restricted Data," Material Formerly Designated as "Restricted Data," Communications Intelligence, Cryptography and Intelligence Sources and Methods"

(4) Under Appendix to Executive Order 10501

Definition of Terms:

"Sensitive Intelligence: Sensitive intelligence information is that classified intelligence, the unauthorized disclosure of which could lead to counteraction (a) jeopardizing the continued productivity of intelligence sources and methods which provide information vital to the national security or (b) offsetting the value of intelligence vital to the national security."

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changed to--

"Sensitive Intelligence Sources and Methods: Sensitive intelligence sources and methods are those which produce classified intelligence, the unauthorized disclosure of which could lead to counteraction (a) jeopardizing the continued productivity of intelligence sources and methods which provide information vital to the national security or (b) offsetting the value of intelligence vital to the national security."

The Committee felt that by incorporating the above changes that it was transposing into the proposed Executive Order 10501 the best of the classification policies contained in DCID No. 1/7 while at the same time injecting intelligence sources and methods in the strongest, most definitive way. The Office of General Counsel representative, Mr. [redacted] said that by so doing it would make any future sanction against a person or persons guilty of willfully causing an unauthorized disclosure

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somewhat easier to adjudicate since ignorance of the intelligence aspect would appear to be indefensible.

The Committee members agreed that in all likelihood, if the proposals are enacted into law, DCID No. 1/7 will have to be revised in order to raise certain categories of intelligence to a new, higher level of classification in order to identify them as being in the "super sensitive" category.

Adjournment: 1520 hours

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Secretary

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